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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

7 JAQUICE JONES,
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9 Plaintiff,
10 v.
11 VALOR OCHOA, et al.,
12 Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00038-DAD-EPG (PC)
ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE
(ECF No. 23)

13 This matter has been referred for an early settlement conference. (ECF No. 18). On May 5,
14 2021, Defendants filed a request to opt out of the settlement conference. (ECF No. 23). Defense
15 counsel explains that, "[a]fter speaking with Plaintiff and tendering a formal counter offer, [he]
16 believe[s] that a settlement conference would not be beneficial." (*Id.* at 4). The Court will
17 accordingly grant Defendants' request to opt out of an early settlement conference.¹ A settlement
18 conference may be scheduled at a later date, if appropriate.

19 It is ORDERED that Defendants' request to opt out of an early settlement conference (ECF
20 No. 23) is GRANTED.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: May 6, 2021

24 /s/ Eric P. Grogan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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27 ¹ Pursuant to the order regarding early settlement conference (ECF No. 18), Defendants did not need to file a
28 request to opt out of the early settlement conference. Instead, Defendants should have filed a notice that Defendants are
opting out of an early settlement conference.